



Loop 303 Freeway Extension Interstate 10 to Proposed State Route 801



Thursday, November 15, 2007
Public Information Meeting



Welcome and Introductions



- Study Team
 - Timothy Tait, ADOT Communication and Community Partnerships
 - Velvet Li, ADOT Valley Project Management
 - Mark Hollowell, ADOT Environmental Planning Group
 - Jay Koesters, PB Design Manager
 - Greg Martinsen, EcoPlan Environmental Coordinator



Tonight's Topics

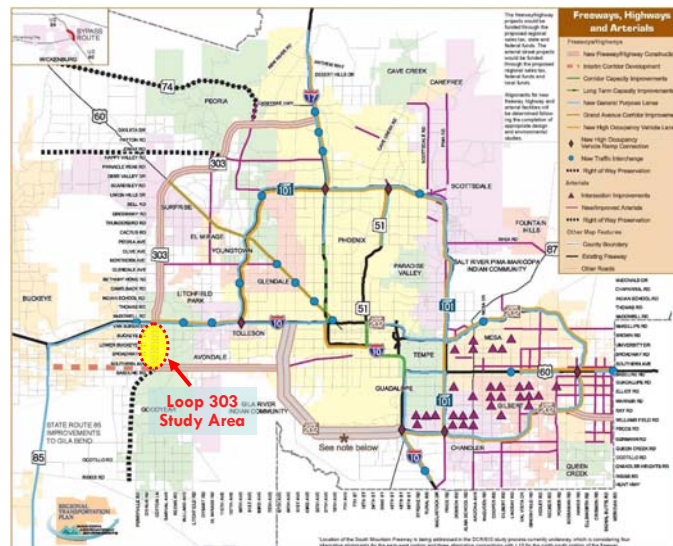


- Study background
- Overview of study area
- Alternative corridors
 - Environmental analysis
 - Engineering analysis
- Study schedule/next steps
- Obtain public input

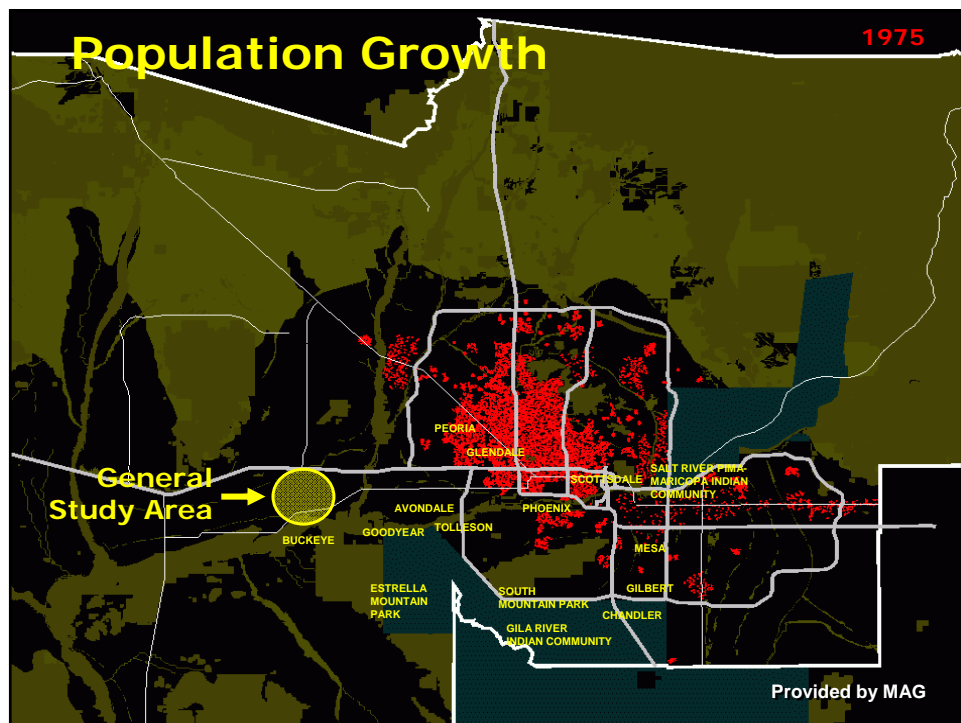
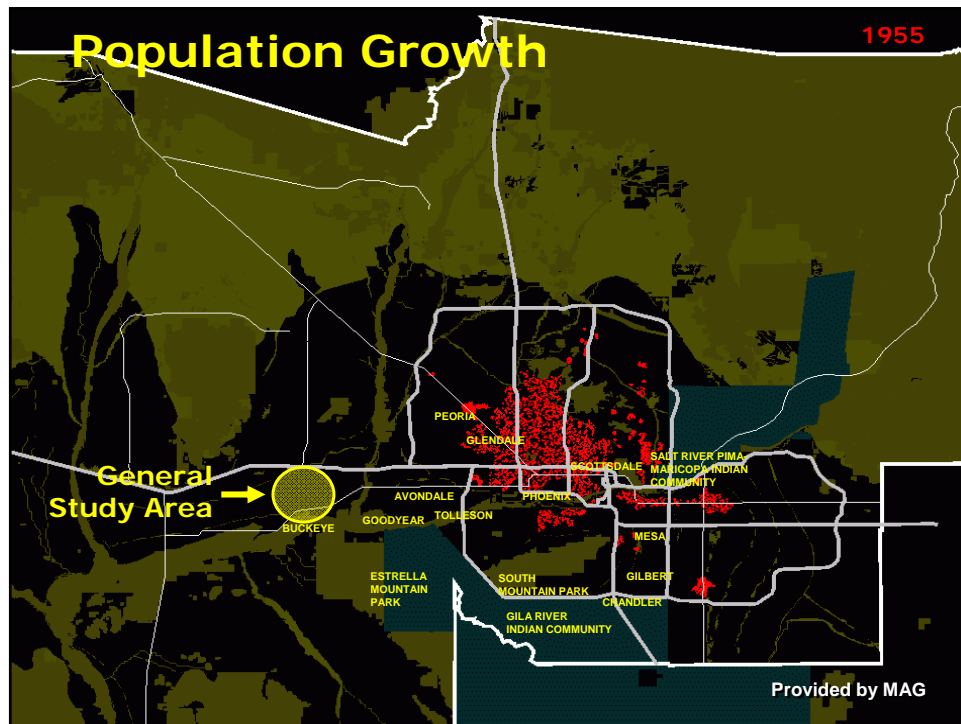
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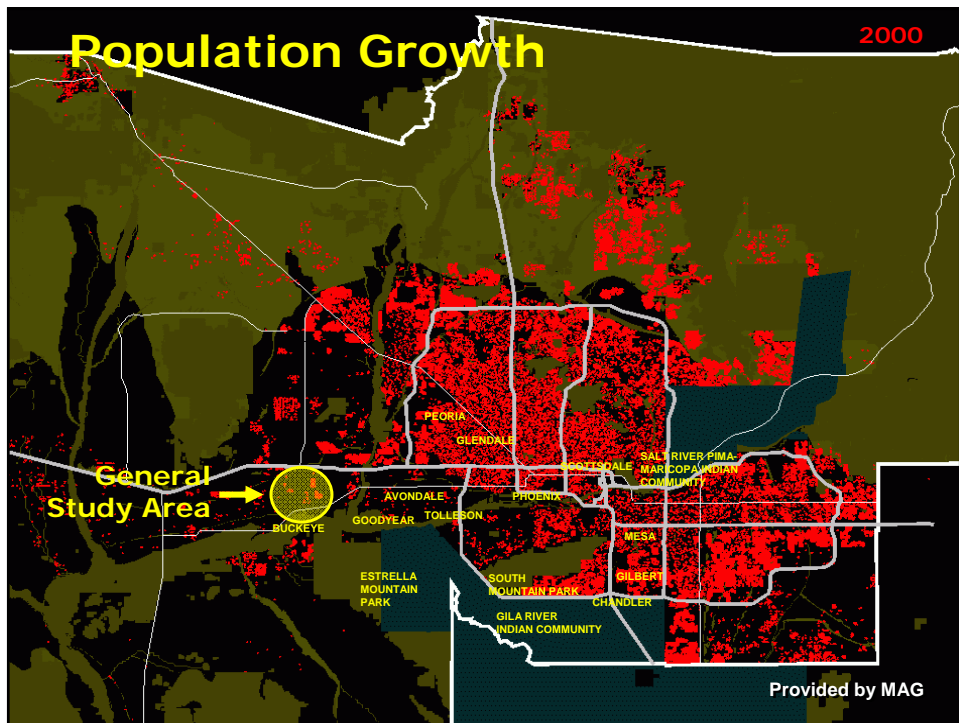
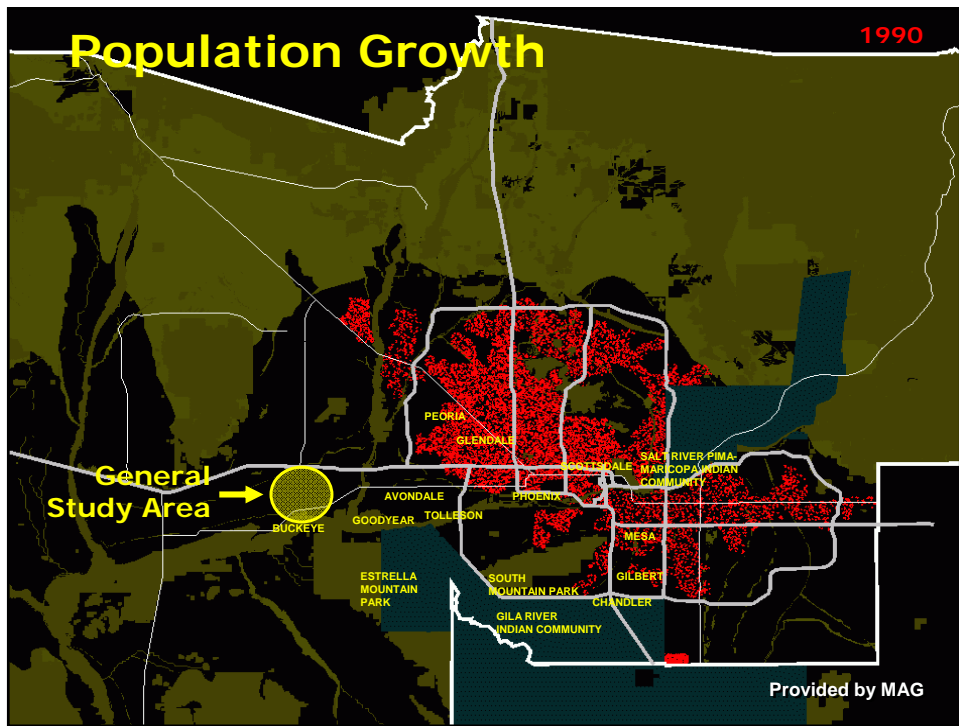


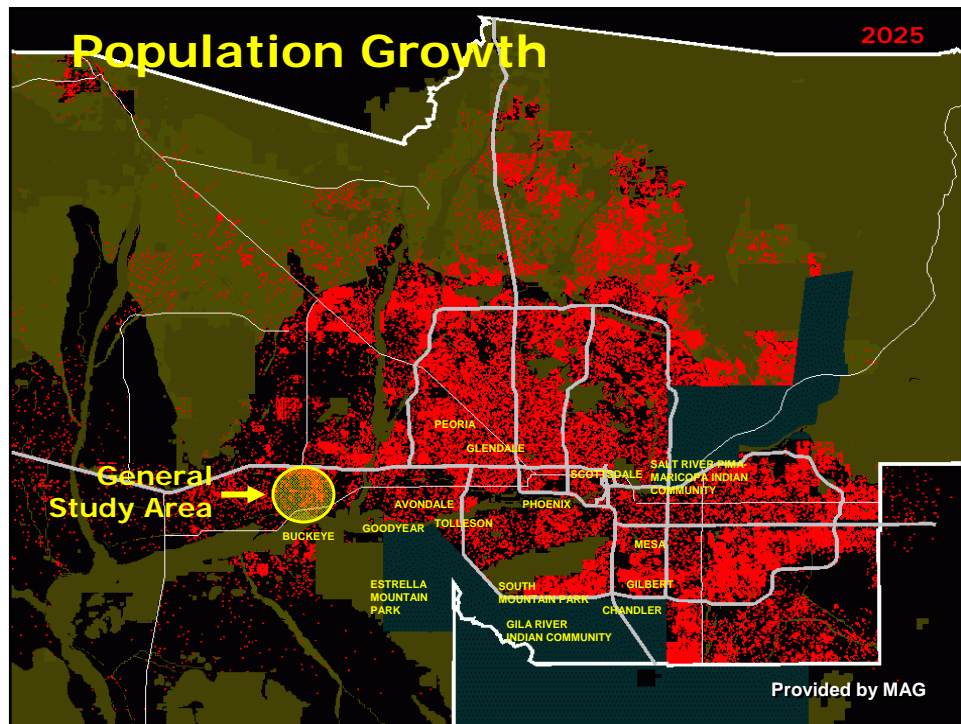
Regional Transportation Plan



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ADOT's Role



- Implement Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Conduct studies to identify/evaluate alternatives
- Coordinate environmental document
- Acquire rights-of-way
- Design and construct freeways
- Maintain freeways

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FHWA's Role



- Serve as lead federal agency
- Participate in study process
- Provide document review and approval
- Provide funding source

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MAG's Role



- Develop RTP and conduct regional transportation planning
- Set priorities for scheduling and funding of projects
- Approve accelerations and cost changes to RTP
- Approve air quality conformity on all regional transportation projects

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Public's Role on this Loop 303 Study



- Ask questions
- Provide feedback
- Tell us
 - What is important to you?
 - What are your concerns?

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Purpose and Need

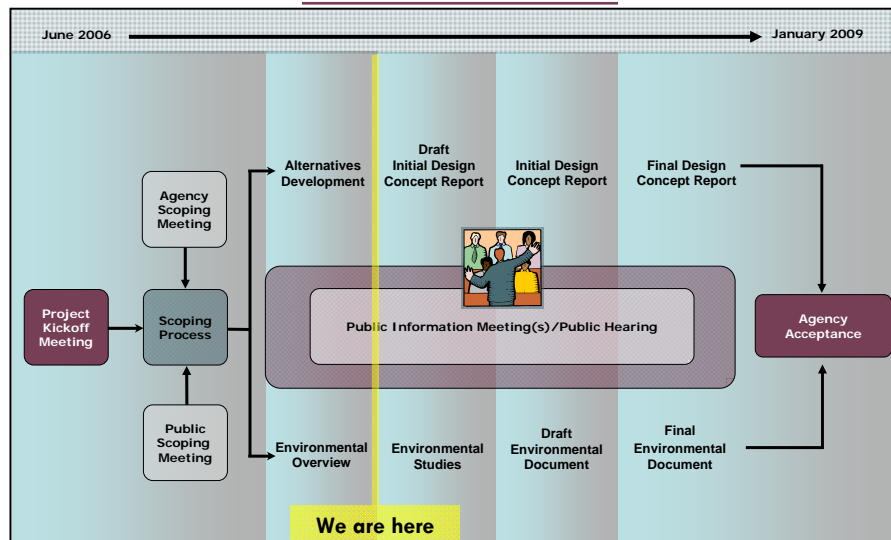


- Growth in Maricopa County
- Future traffic demand
- Linkage with State Route (SR) 801
- Future connection to the south

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Study Process



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Study Update



- June 2006, agency and public scoping meetings
 - 100 attendees
 - Comments/questions regarding study schedule, corridor selection process, freeway design, cultural resources, and coordination with jurisdictions and developers
- November 30, 2006, public information meeting
 - 146 attendees
 - Presented 6 alternative corridors for further study
 - Comments/questions regarding development in the study area, the property acquisition process, project funding, study schedule, and alternative corridors

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Study Update (continued)



- Since November 2006, the study team has:
 - Gathered and documented environmental data
 - Refined and reduced the original 6 alternative corridors to 3 alternative corridors plus no-action alternative
 - Developed 2 alternative corridors for further consideration
 - Met with local jurisdictions
 - Coordinated with SR 801 study team

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Study Area



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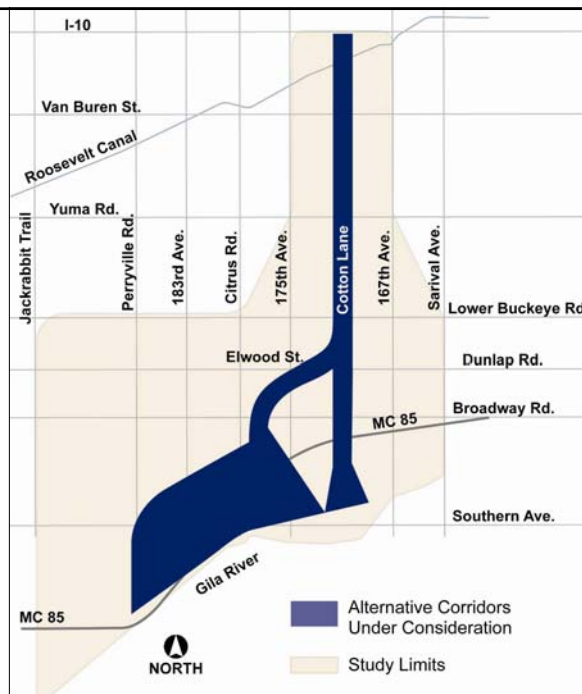
Alternative Corridors Developed



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Alternative Corridors Under Consideration



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Action Alternative Corridors Comparison Matrix

		Alternative Corridors			
Evaluation Criteria		2C	3	4	5
Right-of-Way	Right-of-Way Required	●	●	●	●
	Potential Business Displacements	●	●	●	●
	Potential Residential Displacements	●	●	●	●
Engineering	Traffic Operations	●	●	●	●
	Geometric Design	●	●	●	●
	Drainage Concept	●	●	●	●
	Loop 303/SR 801 Interchange	●	●	●	●
	Major Utility Impacts	●	●	●	●
Environmental	Prime and Unique Farmlands	●	●	●	●
	Biological Impacts: Critical Habitat	●	●	●	●
	Biological Impacts: Threatened, Endangered Species of Concern	●	●	●	●
	Floodplain Impacts	●	●	●	●
	Visual Resources Impacts	●	●	●	●
	Noise Level Impacts	●	●	●	●
	Water Resource Impacts	●	●	●	●
	Hazardous Materials Impacts	●	●	●	●
	Cultural Resources Historic Impacts	●	●	●	●
	Cultural Resources Prehistoric Impacts	●	●	●	●
	Planned Development Impacts	●	●	●	●

- Desirable feature
- ◐ Neutral feature
- Undesirable feature

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Alternative Corridor 3 (removed from consideration)

- Does not provide Loop 303 and carpool lane continuity
- Parallels proposed SR 801

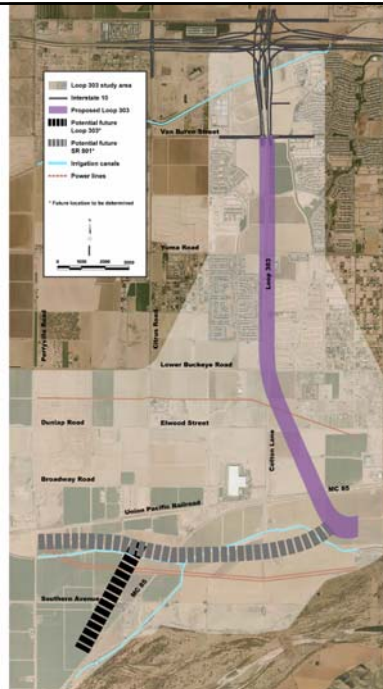


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Alternative Corridor 4 (removed from consideration)

- Does not provide Loop 303 and carpool lane continuity
- Parallels proposed SR 801
- Impacts local businesses and local land use plan

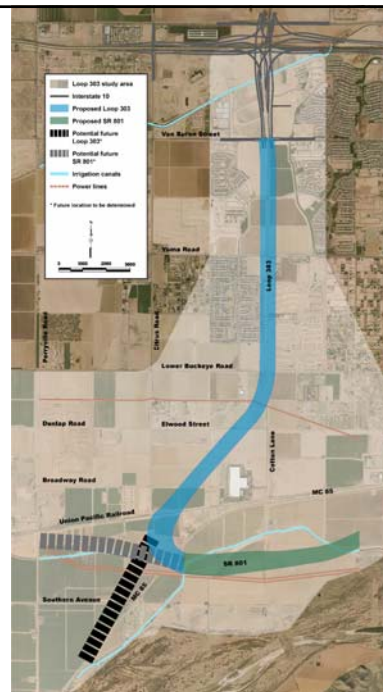


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Alternative Corridor 2C (under consideration)

- Provides Loop 303 and future carpool lane continuity
- Utilizes preserved right-of-way corridor
- Minor impacts to local businesses
- Ease of construction



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Alternative Corridor 5 (under consideration)

- Provides Loop 303 and future carpool lane continuity
- Utilizes preserved right-of-way corridor
- Minor impacts to local businesses
- Provides construction phasing opportunities for regional freeway system



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No Action Alternative (under consideration)

- Does not provide freeway access between I-10 and SR 801
- Requires continued expenditures to maintain local streets
- Does not improve the capacity or operation of the roadway network
- Does not address future congestion and air quality concerns
- Does not meet the purpose and need of the project



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Study Schedule



	2006	2007				2008				2009
		W	S	S	F	W	S	S	F	W
Agency Scoping Meeting	6/27									
Public Scoping Meeting	6/29									
Public Information Meetings	11/30				11/15					
Draft Environmental Document										
Initial Design Concept Report										
Public Hearing										
Final Environmental Document										
Agency Acceptance										
Final Design Concept Report										

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Next Steps



- Design/right-of-way acquisition
 - Estimated to begin in 2016
- Construction
 - Estimated to begin in 2018-2019

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ADOT Public Involvement



- Commitment to ongoing public involvement
- Involving the public during the early planning stages
- Partnering with community members, businesses, and public officials
- Continuing outreach through design and construction

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Ways to Provide Input



- Talk with a study team member tonight
- Write comments on a flip chart
- Submit a comment form
 - Put in comment box tonight
 - Send written comments by December 13, 2007 to:
 - Mail: Timothy Tait, Loop 303 Study Team
3200 E. Camelback Road, Suite 350,
Phoenix, AZ 85018
 - Fax: 602.522.7707
 - E-mail: ADOT@PolicyDevelopmentGroup.com
- Call telephone information line
Phone: 602.288.9905
- Visit study Web site
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Questions/Discussion

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THANK YOU!

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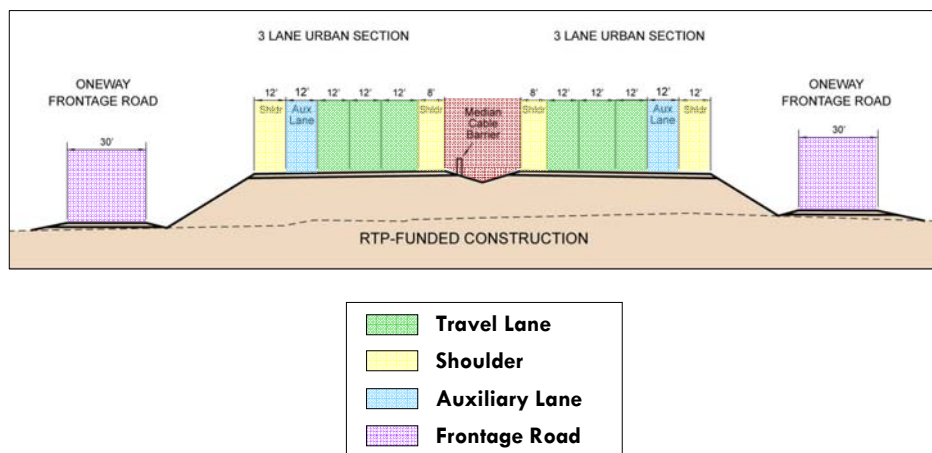


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Typical Section (north of Elwood Street)



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